

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office action of May 3, 2007.


Regarding the objection to the claims, claim 23 has been amended as suggested.

Claims 19, 23, 31 and 32 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Begemann et al. The ring lenses referred to in the rejection are shown in more detail in Fig. 3 and clearly are not ring lenses but rather are planar lenses 45. See lines 15-18 of col. 6 of the patent and Fig. 3. Thus, ring lenses at least partially surrounding a corresponding LED is not disclosed in the reference. Element 42 is an envelope and not a lens. Element 43 is a conical reflector. Further, the lenses are not canted in section. See above. Canted beams are not provided by the reference. The present claims recite ring lenses and at least a portion of each is canted in section and is arranged to provide a canted radial beam at an angle to the plane on which the LEDs are arranged. This is not shown or disclosed in the reference.

A request for a one month extension of time is being filed herewith so that the filing of this response is timely.

If it is believed that a telephone conference would be helpful in the further prosecution of this application the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

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